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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

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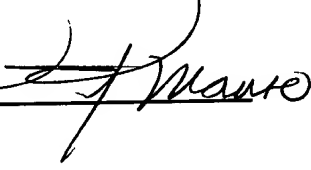
- (1) Amendment dated March 30, 1999;
- (2) Copy of Dr. Straughn's Declaration including all Exhibits 1-13; and
- (3) Return Postcard.

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Account No. 10-0447/32892-00026. A duplication of this paper is submitted herewith. A small entity status had been filed in this case.

If you should have any questions or require additional information or clarification, Applicant respectfully requests that you contact the attorney of record herein, Peter J. Manso, at the phone numbers noted below at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,


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